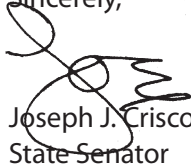


Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my legislative survey. Your views on transportation, energy costs and the budget surplus are important in helping determine our legislative priorities.

This newsletter describes legislative proposals relating to underage drinking, taxes and energy. I hope that you will take a moment to read about these initiatives and call me with your views. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.
State Senator



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Recently, I intervened so that two children in our district were granted reinstatement in the HUSKY B plan retroactively. The children were dropped from HUSKY B because of confusing communications between the company administering the plan and the children's parents. Helping my constituents is the most rewarding aspect of my job as state Senator. I invite you to call my office at **1-800-842-1420** if you feel that I can be of assistance to you.

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FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR **JOSEPH J. CRISCO, JR.**

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Targeting Underage Drinking

An alarming number of our young people begin drinking at an early age, and report that they obtain alcohol at “house parties.” This drinking often results in property damage, violence, automobile crashes and sexual assaults. With that in mind, I co-sponsored a bill to close a loophole in Connecticut law and make it illegal for youth under age 21 to possess and consume alcohol on private property.



Senator Crisco, Representatives Belden and Klarides commend the *Valley Substance Abuse Action Council* on its prevention initiatives at the Underage Drinking Prevention: National Town Halls meeting on April 4, 2006.

Controlling Energy Costs

To help residents with the skyrocketing cost of gasoline and other forms of energy, I co-sponsored pending legislation that:

- Prohibits zone pricing of gasoline and controls gasoline costs
- Encourages comprehensive oil conservation and use of renewable energy
- Minimizes consumers' costs for utilities

Providing Tax Relief

I co-sponsored a bill that would ease tax burdens by:

- Eliminating the property tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment
- Providing an earned income tax credit
- Increasing the homeowners' property tax exemption to \$500
- Providing an income tax deduction for long term care insurance premiums
- Providing an income tax deduction for contributions to Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET)



Route 243 at Ansonia High School

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is considering my request for a traffic light on Route 243 at Ansonia High School. Many students walk to and from the school and the volume of traffic creates a hazardous situation. At this writing, the DOT reported that it is in the process of reviewing conditions and obtaining input from local officials and police.

Working for Ansonia

I'm proud to have secured special funding for the following projects in Ansonia:

- **\$125,000 bonding** for Downtown revitalization. These funds will be used for various streetscape improvements along East Main Street.
- **\$20,000 grant** to improve Little League baseball fields at Colony Park and Nolan Field complex so that fields are in acceptable playing condition for our youth.